

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 2 Diagram and nucleotide sequence of the pClip ribozyme cassette (SEQ ID NO:49).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3 Diagram and nucleotide sequence of the pChop ribozyme cassette (SEQ ID NOs:50 and 53).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 5 Nucleotide sequence of pSnip, shown without the double trans-acting ribozyme inserts (SEQ ID NO:51).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 31, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 10 Sequence of a modified pChop cassette (UPCM2) (SEQ ID NO:52).

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 49, line 4 through page 51, line 20, with the following amended paragraphs. Please note that the "GTC" below is an originally underlined text, and not an amendment.

Escherichia coli

***ftsZ* target** (ACCESSION: AE000119 U00096)

105

AGATCTAAACGCGGATCTGATGAGGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACTTTAAAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:54)

713

AGATCTAAACATCTCACTGATGAGGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACATTACGAAACCAAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:55)

1131

AGATCTAAATCATTACCTGATGAGGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACTTTAGCAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:8)

***secA* target** (ACCESSION: AE000119 U00096)

84

AGATCTAAAAAAACCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACTGGTTAAAAGATCT
(SEQ ID NO:56)

707

AGATCTAAATTATCCACTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACGGGCGAAAAGATCT
(SEQ ID NO:57)

856

AGATCTAAATCGTTACCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACTACCGAAAAGATCT
(SEQ ID NO:58)

894

A[[F]]GATCTAAATGATGTTCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACCACTTAAAAGATCT
(SEQ ID NO:59)

979

AGATCTAAATTTTCCACTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACGTGCAAAAAGATCT
(SEQ ID NO:60)

1282

AGATCTAATTGATACCCCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACAGTCAGAAAAGATCT
(SEQ ID NO:61)

2216

AGATCTAAATTTCGTTTCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACACCACAAAAGATCT
(SEQ ID NO:9)

***dnaG* target** (ACCESSION: AE000388 U00096)

5344

AGATCTAAACGTTAGTCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACCAACAAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:62)

5903

AGATCTAAAGGCATCACTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACTGTTAAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:63)

6336

AGATCTAAACCACATCCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACAGTTTAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:10)

***rpoA* target** (ACCESSION: AE000407 U00096)

8308

AGATCTAAAAGAGCGCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACAGTCAAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:64)

8494

AGATCTAAATTTGATCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACCAGCTAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:65)

8737

AGATCTAAACGATTTCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACATCACCAAACC AAGG
(SEQ ID NO:11)

***tRNA-Asp* target**

(directed against GUC anticodon loop. Accession: X14007)

172

AGATCTAAAT**GCGT**CTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAAC**CAGGCAGGT**AAAACCAAGG

(SEQ ID NO:12)

Streptomyces lividans

***secA* target** (ACCESSION: Z50195)

1080

AGATCTAA**ACTCGT**CCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAAC**CGATC**AAAACCAAGG

(SEQ ID NO:66)

2033

AGATCTAA**AGGGCG**CTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAAC**CGCG**AAAACCAAGG

(SEQ ID NO:67)

2556

AGATCTAA**AGTACT**CCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAAC**AGCG**AAAACCAAGG

(SEQ ID NO:13)

Enterococcus faecalis

***ftsZ* target** (ACCESSION: U94707)

10805

AGATCTAA**AACTAAATG**CTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAAC**AGAGT**AAAACCAAGG

(SEQ ID NO:68)

11182

AGATCTAA**AGTTTAATA**ACTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAA**ACTTGTT**CAAACCAAGG

(SEQ ID NO:69)

11512

AGATCTAA**AACTTTTG**CTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAAC**CGTGT**ATAAACCAAGG

(SEQ ID NO:14)

Pseudomonas putida

***dnaG* target** (ACCESSION: U85774)

222

AGATCTAAAGGTCCATCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACAAAGCAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:70)

986

AGATCTAAACAGGTTCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACAATGTAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:71)

1891

AGATCTAAATCGCTTTCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACGTGATAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:15)

Streptomyces coelicolor

***rpoA* target** (ACCESSION: X92107)

290

AGATCTAAAGCTCGATCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACGAACCAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:72)

716

AGATCTAAACGAGTCCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACCGGGAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:73)

1099

AGATCTAAAGTCGATGCTGATGAGTCCGTGAGGACGAAACTTCGCAAACCAAGG
(SEQ ID NO:16)